

Proclamation

Hawai'i's EMS system began in 1916, when the Honolulu Police Department started the City's first ambulance service. In 1917, it came under the control of the Department of Health when the Honolulu Police Department stopped providing ambulance service. In those years, service was limited.

A continuous, 24-hour a day ambulance service was not established until 1931. Throughout the years, the system has continued to grow and expand beyond ambulance services. Today, Hawai'i's EMS teams stand ready to provide lifesaving care twenty-four hours a day and are essential to the health and safety of the public statewide.

Our community benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals, which include emergency physicians, firefighters, police, ocean safety officers, lifeguards, dispatchers, educators, and administrators.

Prompt access to quality emergency care has dramatically improved the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

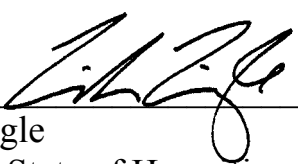
We must recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers, as well as lay people trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first-aid, by observing Emergency Service Week.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14 through May 20, 2006, as

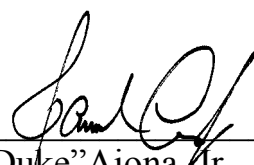
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to join in this observance with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of May 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i